

REMARKS

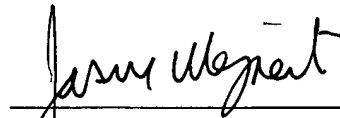
A. Status of the Pending Application

Claims 40-59 are pending in the application. Claims 1-39 have been cancelled. Claims 40-59 have been added.

B. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable, and therefore respectfully request allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney via telephone if the Attorney can answer any of the Examiner's questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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